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John Hewitt  
Interstate Brick Company  
9780 South 5200 West  
West Jordan, Utah 84088

Subject: Evaluation of Reclamation Surety and Request for Partial Bond Release, Interstate Brick Company, Snow White Mine, M/049/0030, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has evaluated your request, received November 1, 2011, for release of a portion of the reclamation surety for the referenced mine. The site was inspected on July 27, 2011, and the area for which you requested release was found to meet the reclamation success standards.

On September 16, 2011, the Division sent you a letter requesting an increase in the reclamation surety due to a five-year periodic review of the surety amount. The calculated increase in surety, due to normal escalation required that you provide a surety in the amount of \$143,300 (an increase of \$13,800) which was supposed to be submitted by November 30, 2011. The Division has not received the increased surety.

Now, based on the average cost per acre, the requested partial release would reduce the required surety amount to \$131,200.00. This is within one percent of the current surety amount, so **no increase is needed at this time**. Therefore, the Division is hereby approving the release of the requested 2.4 acres, and will apply the amount toward the required surety escalation. The Division will consider the current surety amount of \$130,800.00 as adequate for the Snow White clay mine for the next five-year period (beginning September 2011). The next periodic review for your site will be scheduled for 2016 unless significant changes are made to the plan prior to that date.

Thank you for completing this reclamation. Please call me at 801-538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 if you have questions about this action.

Sincerely,

  
Paul B. Baker

Mining Program Manager

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